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REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 to 20, 26 to 32, and 36 to 40 are cancelled.

Claim 21 has been amended.

Claims 21 to 25, 33 to 35, and 41 to 45 are pending.

Claim 21 was amended to delete the "including the start codon" phrase in sub-clause "(a)" as well as to delete the "minus the start codon" phrase in sub-clause "(b)" to place this claim in better condition for issuance. Applicants right to equivalents of Claim 21 is reserved. No new matter has been added.

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It is respectfully requested that the amendment(s) presented herein be considered and entered prior to issuance of a patent corresponding to the present application.

If any small matter should remain outstanding after the Patent Examiner has had an opportunity to review the above Remarks, the Patent Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney in order to resolve these matters.

Although it is believed no fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account Number 19-3880 in the name of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

Respectfully submitted,

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